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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CHILE OF FORMER ROK PRIME MINISTER

REF: A) SEOUL 1130, B) BRASILIA 2295

1. FORMER SOUTH KOREAN PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL MADE
A WHIRLWIND TWO DAY VISIT TO CHILE MARCH 21-23. HE TALKED
WITH CHILEAN PRESIDENT GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET, JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL JOSE MERINO, WHO WAS KIM'S GUEST IN KOREA IN
1975, AND FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL PATRICIO CARVAJAL. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AND AS CONFIRMED BY ROK EMBASSY OFFICIAL,
KIM DISCUSSED ONLY TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE
CHILEANS. HE ALSO DELIVERED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK
TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET, WHICH THE ROK OFFICER OPINED CONTAINED EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR CHILE'S PAST
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SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH KOREAN POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

2. COMMENT: CHILEAN/ROK RELATIONS APPEAR TO BE CORDIAL BUT NOT TO AMOUNT TO MUCH. ACCORDING TO ROK EMBASSY OFFICIAL, KIM HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE REASON TO VISIT CHILE, AS CHILE NORMALLY SUPPORTED THE ROK POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THEREFORE KIM WANTED THE VISIT TO BE

MOSTLY PROTOCOL. HE EVEN ASKED THAT HE BE EXCUSED FROM THE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON AND/OR DINNER WHICH BOTH MERINO AND CARVAJAL HAD OFFERED TO HOST.
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